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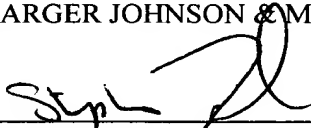
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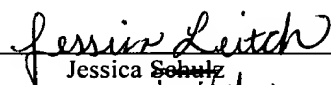
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This communication is in response to the Office Action, paper number 12, dated December 1, 2000. Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and the accompanying remarks.

In the Claims

11. (Once Amended) A quick release attachment system for coupling a hand of a skier to a ski pole, comprising:
a ski pole grip having a front side and back side, joined by opposite lateral sides and having a cross-sectional shape sized so that the hand of the skier can be wrapped around the ski pole grip in a gripping manner;
a pin connected to a glove of a skier, the pin having an end portion which includes a notch;
an attachment mechanism disposed within the ski pole grip for receiving and releasably locking the pin to the ski pole grip; the attachment mechanism including: